

## **ADVISORY OPINION 2006-006**

**Any advisory opinion rendered by the Registry under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may be relied upon only by the person or committee involved in the specific transaction or activity with respect to which the advisory opinion is required. KRS 121.135(4).**

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Dear Mr. Montgomery:

We received your written request for an advisory opinion on December 18, 2006. In your request, you questioned whether, as a judicial candidate for Family Court, you can accept a campaign contribution from a state legislator drawn on that state legislator's campaign fund.

KRS 121.180(10) states that no candidate may contribute funds from his or her campaign account to further the candidacy of a person for a different public office. However, this statutory provision further provides that:

nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit a candidate or slate of candidates from using funds in the campaign account to purchase admission tickets for any fundraising event or testimonial affair for another candidate or slate of candidates if the amount of the purchase does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) per event or affair....

This exception clearly allows the use of campaign funds for the purchase of tickets to an event held for another candidate, so long as the purchase does not exceed \$100.00. See also KREF Advisory Opinion 1992-004. Therefore, although you cannot accept a campaign contribution drawn on a state legislator's campaign account, the state legislator could purchase fundraising tickets to any event held by your campaign up to a total expenditure of \$100.00 per event.

Since the Registry's jurisdiction is limited to the application of the campaign finance laws under KRS Chapter 121, you may wish to contact such other agencies which could possibly regulate this course of action, such as the Judicial Ethics Committee or the Legislative Ethics Commission.

Please keep in mind that this advisory opinion is based on the specific facts set forth in your written request. If you have any questions concerning this advisory opinion, please do not hesitate to contact the Registry. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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